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INFO AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI PRIORITY

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TAGS: PGOV, PINT, TH

SUBJECT: GEN. CHALAT NAMES AS COUP LEADER; MG ARUN MURDERED

REF: BANGKOK 6571

1. RTG SPOKESMAN AKHOM HAS CHARGED OVER ARMY TV AT 1230 LOCAL TIME 26 MARCH THAT GEN. CHALAT HIRANYASIRI IS THE LEADER OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED AT ABOUT 1245 HOURS LOCAL TIME THAT MG ARUN THAWATHASIN, COMMANDER OF THE FIRST DIVISION OF THE FIRST ARMY WAS KILLED BY THE COUP GROUP.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF VIOLENCE REPORTED BY EITHER SIDE. WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS TIME WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN FURTHER BLOODSHED. THE ROLE OF GEN, PRASOET, IN WHOSE NAME THE REBEL ANNOUNCEMENT
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HAVE BEEN MADE (POSSIBLY UNDER DURESS)
REMAINS UNCLEAR. (A BROADCAST HAS BEEN HEARD,
PURPORTING TO BE THE VOICE OF GEN. PRASOET,
IS SUPPORT OF THE REBELS.)
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